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A Favorable Showing for Canada.

The number of failures in Canada and the United States, with aggregate assets and liabilities, during the year just closed, as compared with 1888, are given by Bradstreets as follows:

CANADA.	1889.	1888.
Number of failures	1,616	1,720
Assets	$ 6,119,385	$ 7,118,744
Liabilities	13,147,910	16,498,342
UNITED STATES.		
Number of failures	11,319	10,387
Assets	$ 76,192,769	$ 61,999,569
Liabilities	165,58,490	120,348,402

It will be seen that while the number of failures in Canada during 1889 was 114 less than during 1888, in the United States there was an increase of 1133. In Canada the aggregate liabilities were $2,350,332 less, while in the United States the aggregate was $20,117,088 greater than in 1888. Owing to the greater number of failures in Canada during 1888 the assets were $59,159 less last year than the year before, while with the great increase in the number of failures in the United States the aggregate assets were only $8,600,000 more than in 1888, a sum not in proportion to the increase in number of failures or extent of liabilities.

Everybody on the streets is talking of "McGinty," and an article is going the rounds of the press proposing to tell the origin of the phrase, or of the song. The song really, as the first verse of it shows, is based on an old story, so old that probably to many it will be new. This is the story, briefly: One Irishman met another, a friend of his, working as a hod carrier, and expressed surprise, as he did not consider him strong enough for the work. "Strong, is it?" queried the hod-carrier; "sure I could put you on my hod and carry you up to the top of that four-story building." A bet was made between them on this basis. At the third story the hod-carrier's foot slipped, but he recovered himself and performed what he had undertaken. "Did I win the bet?" he demanded. "Yes you did," was the reply, "but when your foot slipped at the third story I had hopes."

The Ohio State geologist believes that the natural gas supply will be exhausted in nine years and that it will take thousands of years for the reservoirs to refill. No doubt it may follow the example of oil in many sections of the Alleghany Valley, where thriving cities were built up on the oil trade, but which are now deserted. At our own Bothwell there is now nothing but a rank growth of weeds on the spot where once stood a large town.

At quite a number of the Dominion customs ports the revenue collected is by no means sufficient to meet the salaries of the officials maintained there. The collector and his assistants at Magdalen Islands, P.Q., collected $23 in customs duties last year, while their salaries amounted to $1318, net loss to the country, $1295.—Ottawa Free Press.

At quite a number of postoffices and routes in the Dominion the receipts are not sufficient to pay the expenses. Is that an argument for the abolition of the postoffice system?

The question of the location of the toast "The Press" in banquet programs is again up. Some newspapers think it should be near the beginning of the program that the speeches may be reported by sober people. The thing to do is to abolish it or make Newspaper reporters rule are to attend banquets, report the speeches, and when they have done that their time or inclination to make themselves drunk. Hamilton Spectator.

If you are right so far as working newspaper men go. But you had better not preach about it, or some "journalist" may kick you.

There are of automatic boxes to supply glasses in theatres is not likely to prove profitable to managers. They put 145 of them in a St. Louis theatre and every glass was stolen.

A Happy New Year To All.

It is to be hoped that the suggestion of the P.U., that no wine be offered New Year callers, will be generally acted upon. Whatever may be thought regarding the propriety or otherwise of an occasional glass, there is not the slightest sense in the indiscriminate guzzling, and that is what it amounts to in the case of those whose drinking list is large.

The Dominion Government have properly done good to depositors by sums stolen from the Kingston postoffice savings bank. Not to be done so would have imperilled the system of postoffice savings banks.

It is believed the revolt in Brazil will cause a rise of rubber. This is a rise in view of the ex-

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... attacking the horses of ... was also the case in ... great epidemic, after running ... long human beings, attacked the ... den. We may therefore expect ... the epizoo on the American con-

... Firm of Stock Brokers.

... given to the Stock Exchange ... the formation of a new firm, ... Mr. H. A. Drummond, late of ... Co., and Mr. A. G. Brown of ... Drummond & Brown have ... of the fine Jordan-street offices in ... Bank of Commerce building, where ... friends may find them in a few ... they are members of the Toronto ... Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade ... execute orders on the New York Exchange.

... Honors Thick Upon Him.

... Canadian Almanac announces the appointment of J. Enoch Thompson as consul of ... for the Province of Ontario.

... Academy Attractions.

... M. Wood and Manager Greene of ... Academy of Music announce a grand ... bill for Friday, Saturday matinee and night, Mr. W. G. M. Wood's version of Von ... Les Bibelots, or "The Private Secretary." ... "La Honte" continues to draw large ... There will be a special matinee to-

... like pearls is a common expression, ... to obtain is use Dr. ... Celebrated Teeth ... against and delicious. Druggists ... W. A. Dyer & Co., Mon ... ter

PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE.

Friends of Clarke and McMillan Both Confident of Victory.

The fight for the Mayoralty grows in intensity as the hour approaches when the contest is to be finally decided. Indications go to show that the Labor vote is split with the preponderance somewhat in favor of the Mayor. At present the City Hall wears the appearance of a bee-hive. Canvassers for the mayoralty candidates and aldermanic aspirants crowd the corridors. Their objective point is generally the City Clerk's office, where the clerks are being kept busy answering enquiries about the names of voters, and whether particular citizens are recorded on the voters' list. The supply of the latter has run out and no more copies will be distributed. The Mayor does not allow the fact that he is a candidate for re-election to interfere with his duties as Chief Magistrate. He was in his office the greater part of yesterday, leaving the work of organization almost entirely in the hands of his friends. In the evenings he visits his various committee rooms listening to reports and putting in a word of advice when needed.

Among the aldermen everything has an air of suppressed excitement. The only cool men in the hall yesterday were Messrs. Gillespie, Maughan and George Verral, whose seats in the council of 1890 were assured to them on the day of nomination.

There is a funny story going the rounds about ex-Ald. John Irwin. The Prohibition Club sent him a circular asking for his opinions on two subjects. The first was, whether if elected, would he favor an increase in the number of hotels and saloons. To this he answered he would not. The second was, "Are you in favor of licensing houses of ill-fame."

The reply of the ex-alderman to this was: "I have never been there, have never considered the matter, and believe it is a subject for younger men than myself to discuss."

Ald. William Bell dropped into Ald. Fleming's office yesterday and stated that he had declined to answer publicly the questions submitted by the Prohibition Club because he wanted time to consider them. He had since, after deliberation, concluded to support the club's position.

In yesterday's report of the aldermanic nominations in St. Patrick's Ward it was stated that Mr. John Lucas had retired from the contest. This is incorrect. Mr. Lucas will be in the field until the last vote is polled and expects to be sent to the council by a huge vote as alderman from St. Patrick's Ward. At a meeting of his committee held last week the returns from the different divisions showed over 900 votes pledged to him then.

Ald. R. J. Fleming, nominated for St. David's, and Mr. H. C. Stevens for St. Alban's, both sent in their resignations to the City Clerk yesterday.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Before the nominations closed in St. Thomas' Ward on Monday, Dr. Thompson withdrew, leaving Trustee Joseph Oliver to be returned by acclamation. Mr. Joseph Duworth has retired in St. Alban's, and Mr. B. E. Scott in St. Stephen's wards.

Mr. William Adamson, the popular nominee man, is a candidate for school trustee in St. Stephen's Ward. His name was unintentionally omitted in giving the list of candidates.

In Poulton's Hall.

Another large and somewhat enthusiastic meeting of Ald. McMillan's supporters was held last night in Poulton's Hall, Queen-street east. Mr. B. Cairns of the Typographical Union occupied the chair, and about two hundred people were present.

Mr. McMillan briefly reviewed the position he took during the absence of the Mayor, and said that should he gain the majority the interests of the ratepayers should be studied carefully. He also expressed his determination to uphold the interests of the inhabitants over the Don, especially with regard to Ashbridge's Bay.

Short addresses were also delivered by Rev. W. F. Wilson, Eugene Schoff, Mr. Sweaton and others. A resolution of confidence was carried.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

Rally of the McMillanites in Shaftesbury Hall—Mayor Clarke's Meetings.

A large number of Ald. John McMillan's supporters "rallied" at Shaftesbury Hall last night, under the chairmanship of J. K. Macdonald. For two solid hours they listened patiently to speeches by Mr. Macdonald, County Master William Bell, Labor Organizer A. F. Jury, Dr. Ogden, J. W. Davy, Sam McNab, Ald. Fleming, Isaac Wardell, H. Floyd and "Honest John" himself, and for a like period they cheered and applauded from time to time when they heard something that pleased them. No new arguments were advanced. Mr. Macdonald and Dr. Ogden placed themselves on record as being opposed to Mayor Clarke for more reasons than that of the "third term," as they had been reported as saying at the City Hall on nomination day.

When it was Mr. Lloyd's turn to speak that gentleman expressed his very strong desire to get a "crack" at Mayor Clarke at a time when he can meet him "face to face on a public platform, before a meeting of the electors." The meeting closed with the doxology, after a resolution in favor of Ald. McMillan's candidature had been adopted.

At the Hotels.

H. A. Dutton, Ottawa, is at the Rossin.

J. E. Freeman, Strathroy, is at the Palmer.

Dr. Thompson, Listowel, is registered at the Walker.

E. W. Rathbun, Deseronto, is staying at the Queen's.

J. P. Willson, Welland, is booked at the Rossin.

R. McDonald, Guelph, is at the Palmer.

D. Donalson, Ottawa, is booked at the Walker.

Dr. D. B. Fraser, Stratford, is staying at the Queen's.

J. P. Wright, London, is registered at the Palmer.

Dr. MacCabe, Principal of the Ottawa Normal School, is at the Rossin.

Frozen Fun.

Bilkins: A prize fight nowadays is a good deal like a bridge.

Booksey: I can't see how.

Bilkins: Why, every bridge of any size has a draw.

The mildest nature will rebel,
The very meekest man will spar,
When some deceiver seeks to sell
Him on a two-for-five cigar.

Miss Prim (to her class of young ladies): Yes, I once had a sister, a beautiful girl, but one day, when she was in California, she met a bear and was actually squeezed to death.

Chorus (ecstatically): O-o-o-h! how nice.

The hen may be set in her ways, but she's onnest.

It is said that blind people are fond of see stories.

Never look a gift horse in the teeth. It is also wrong to look a Christmas gift in price-mark.

McCrackle: Do you know what the boys say to Santa Claus?

McCorkle: No; what do they say?

McCrackle: What are you givin' us?

Amy: What an absurd habit that is of young Dalley's—always sucking his cane.

Susie: I think it is a good plan. It keeps him from talking, you know.

She: How kind that old gentleman is! Every day he comes down School-street and presents the children with candy.

He: Yes, and he gets a liberal commission from the dentists for doing it, too.

Charles (in love): But you should see her eyes when she is angry. They flash like lightning.

John (been there): Yes, or when she's looking for a new beau. Then she keeps 'em peeled like thunder.

A farm journal asks: "Why do the young rush to the towns and cities?" The answer is easy enough. It is because they are anxious to get there. And the fact that there are no farms in the city may have something to do with it.

Fall River's Output.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 31.—The total production of the mills here for 1889 with the week ending last Saturday was 8,660,000 pieces, or 225,000 less than 1888. The weavers' strike last spring had a material effect in cutting the normal output down. Prices for the year have been profitable ones for the mills, fluctuating between 4 1-16c. and 3½c. There were five weeks in August and September when the market was sold completely out, and at no time was there a week closing with a larger stock than 37,000 pieces.

AMERICAN HORSES ABROAD

ENGLAND PREFERS HER TROTTERS TO RUNNERS.

John Splan Talks On His English Experience—He Says That Good Horses With Sound Legs Command a Ready Sale—Cockneys Would Sleep over Maud S.—The Winners at the Gut Yesterday—Harry Gilmore.

In a letter to The New York Sportsman the famous driver, John Splan, who is in England with the Barnum-Bailey show, says:

What surprises me more than anything else is the interest the English people take in the American trotting-horse. I had always been told that they only cared for the galloopers. Such is not the case. I could have sold every trotting-horse we brought to this country in less than one week at prices that would have given Messrs. Barnum & Bailey a handsome profit had they wished to dispose of them. I have never been asked about our runners, but am kept very busy answering all sorts of questions about the trotters. Everyone here knows Maud S. and her record, and if she was on exhibition in London to-day more people would go to see her than they would if she was exhibited in New York city. If the American breeders would take as much pains and interest in introducing the trotter in this country as an ordinary "Yank" would introducing a mouse trap they would have as good a market here for their horses as they have at home.

The English are first-class judges as to soundness, etc., and great believers in pedigree, so that in shipping horses to this country for sale there are a few things absolutely necessary to the success of the undertaking—good feet and legs, no toe-weights or boots. A good, strong, well-made and well-mannered horse, able to draw a fair-sized trap a 2.40 gait on a smooth road can be sold at fair prices anytime.

I have talked with a foreigner here who has bought American horses, and he told me that it was almost impossible to get a sound horse from America. I suggested to him that perhaps he had always bought those that were unsound. He replied that he had never been to our country, but that a friend of his had bought them for him and written him that all our horses had faulty legs. He seemed quite surprised when I took him to the stable and showed him ten horses with records from 2.17 to 2.40 and every one with sound, clean legs, without spot or blemish. One of the best informed gentlemen on the trotting-horse question that I have met here is Mr. J. Irvine Lupton. He has written several very valuable books on the horse and in one of them pays a very high compliment to the American trotter, and believes that, with very little effort, not only the trotting horse for road purposes, but that trotting races will become popular in this country.

YESTERDAY AT THE GUT.

Festus, Hearst, Gendarme, King William, Sam Morse and Landseer Win.

GUTTENBURG, Dec. 31.—Following are the results of to-day's races at the "Gut":

First, five-eighths mile—Festus 1, Bassviol 2, Lord Beaconsfield 3. Time 1.04.

Second, five-eighths mile—Hearst 1, Thadrowe 2, Pocahantas 3. Time 1.04¼.

Third, six furlongs—Gendarme 1, Bonnie Lass 2, Extra 3. Time 1.17¼.

Fourth, seven-eighths mile—King William 1, Little Jake 2, Buckstone 3. Time 1.30.

Fifth, five-eighths mile—Sam Morse 1, Blue Rock 2, Carnegie 3. Time 1.01.

Sixth, seven furlongs—Landseer 1, Pomery Sec 2, Harwood 3. Time 1.30¼.

The Bel-Air Jockey Club's Track.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The management of the Bel-Air Jockey Club are losing no time in preparing for next season's racing, and in order to have their course in first-class order they are at present drawing some twelve hundred loads of sand to it. In the spring this will be spread over the track and a steam roller will be employed to work it into the ground. After which the top dressing will be harrowed and ploughed to the depth of eight or nine inches, and by the time the bell rings for the first race of the season, the club will be able to show their numerous patrons one of the best as well as the fastest race courses in Canada, if not on the continent.

Gossip of the Turf.

The Portland (Ore.) Speed Association will give a spring and fall meeting next year. About $8000 for the spring and $12000 for the fall meeting will be added.

Numerous operations have been performed lately by English veterinaries to cure roaring by removing the arytenoid cartilage, but the result is now officially declared to be a failure.

The most valuable stake won in any country this year was the Futurity at Coney Island, worth $62,550. The richest event in England was the Prince of Wales stake, $60,000; in France the Grand Prix de Paris, $54,000. The Epsom Derby this year was worth $22,500, and the St. Leger, $25,500. The most valuable 2-year-old event in England was the Great Breeders' Produce stakes at Kempton Park, worth $46,000. The Grand Prix de Dieppe, value slightly over $8,000, was the leading 2-year-old event in France.

GILMORE AND MYER.

The Toronto Pugilist Anxious for a Fight to a Finish.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Harry Gilmore, although he has been twice defeated by Billy Myer, is still dissatisfied, so he now comes at Myer with a dead-cold proposition. He says: "I will fight Myer for a purse under London prize-ring rules and to a finish, and will wager $300 on the outside that I can whip him. He has never fought under London rules, and yet he wishes to do battle with Carroll that way. Let him take me on firs for a trial horse and then if he wins it will be time enough for him to go further. I am confident that I can whip him in that way, and the only way that he can get out of a match is to talk big money. I can't offer him a match for $2000 or $3000 a side, for I have not that amount of money. I'll willingly fight him for all that I can raise and will the minute it is asked post a forfeit for the kind of a fight asked for. There is an old adage that says 'Three times and out,' and as he has whipped me twice, I will never ask for another chance if he gives me the third one. Both times that he has whipped me it was the result of an accident. I want another chance at him now, and he ought to give it to me."

This proposition on Gilmore's part will admit of no equivocation on the part of Myer or his backers. A purse worth fighting for can easily be raised right here, and the sooner Myer's backer talks business the better.

Wanderers' Will Wheel To-day.

The members of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club will meet at the rooms corner of Alexander and Yonge-streets this morning at 10 o'clock for a run over some asphalt pavements in the city. The riders may go as far as the Half-way House if the wheeling is good.

Curling Cups for Manitobans.

Clubs in the Manitoba branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club will compete for three large silver cups valued at upwards of $1000 in a bonspiel at Winnipeg in January. The cups are handsome ones indeed. They were manufactured by the Toronto Silver Plate Co., and are on view in Messrs. Jas. Ellis & Co.'s window.

ROCHESTER'S POSITION.

Still in the International—London's Protest Against Syracuse.

It is customary for Secretary White to send his club's monthly circular notices concerning the affairs of the International. Yesterday Secretary Foy received a notice giving Detroit's newly signed man, and also notice of Toledo's withdrawal from the League. However no mention was made of a similar move on Rochester's part showing that Patsy Power's club is still in the International circuit.

President McConnell received the copy of a letter from Tommy Hobbe of London to President Mills of Detroit protesting against the action of Syracuse in endeavoring to secure the postponement of the annual dues. Hobbs' chief reason is that the policy of procrastination will never permit of anything definite in the League.

The American Association Complete.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Mr. Whitaker has admitted that Washington should be admitted to fill the vacancy in the American Association. The circuit will then be made up as follows: Athletic, Baltimore, Washington and Rochester in the east, and Columbus, Toledo, Louisville and St. Louis in the west.

Dust from the Diamond.

A female baseball team is devastating the South en route to California.

Manager Cushman says that young Knauss of Detroit is the best left-handed pitcher he ever saw, and decidedly superior to any south-paw of the present day. And Mr. Cushman is a pretty good judge of a baseballist.

Chub Collins denies any intention or wish of managing the Toronto team. Atkisson's name is now mentioned in connection therewith.—Sporting Life. Toronto has never entertained any idea of securing either of these men.

Spots of Sport.

Jackson has cabled his acceptance of the Sullivan's challenge to the California Athletic Club.

Cambridge University defeated Edinburgh University at Rugby on Dec. 17 by a goal and two tries to nil.

At Gloucester, N.J., Dec. 25, Captain A. H. Bogardus and Frank Kleintz shot two matches for $100 each. The shooting was at 25 single sparrows and 10 double birds. Kleintz won both by scores of 16 to 13 and 5 to 4.

Cambridge University has three eight-oared crews in practice. The intention is to keep them at their work and choose later on the best men for the final selection for the crew to meet Oxford University in the spring.

The following Association football matches were played in Britain on Dec. 14: Preston North End 0, Accrington 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Notts County 0; Old Westminster 1, Casuals 1; Glasgow Rangers 2, Cowlairs 3.

The Graeco-Roman rage has captured London, and a troupe of French wrestlers has been benefiting by the boom. We shall soon doubtless hear of the flight of Muldoon and all his followers to the English metropolis. Cannon has been making money in Paris wrestling in the Hippodrome.

Billiard Expert Heiser says: "The qualifications for a billiard player are many. In the first place a man must have a good stroke. A good eye for angles and judgment of force and weight are also necessary. Without a steady nerve, however, no one can expect to become proficient with the cue. The game requires an immense amount of practice."

The Free Breakfasts.

EDITOR WORLD: I think it would be very unfortunate if from the discussion that took place yesterday in reference to the consolidation of the city charities—the impression should go out that pauperization follows in the wake of the free breakfasts which are given each Sunday morning during the winter months under the supervision of Mr. H. C. Dixon and his devoted and self-denying band of Christian workers.

Speaking from personal knowledge of the work I can unhesitatingly affirm that far from pauperizing it has in many cases led both men and women to reconsider the problem of life and to encourage them to fresh efforts to win a higher place and to do better things for the future.

The social feelings are strong in every human breast, and the very act of giving not empty words, but substantial help to weary men and women stirs up what is left of their better nature, and while there are and ever will be those to whom no kindness can reform the general effect has been to humanize and improve, and I for one very cordially commend the gracious work of Mr. Dixon to the deepest sympathies of the Christian public as an earnest and successful effort to present under favorable circumstances the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many who otherwise are without hope and without God.

STAPLETON CALDECOTT.

Toronto, Dec. 31.

St. Louis Lager Beer.

Budweiser and Anheuser, the chief ingredients which enter into the manufacture of beer, are barley, hops and water. Of barley the quantity used last year at the Anheuser Busch Brewing Association, St. Louis, was 1,215,000 bushels. This represents the product of nearly 30,000 acres. They buy fully three-fourths of all the finer grades which comes from Canada, Wisconsin and Minnesota. W. Mara, agent, 282 Queen-street west. 135

Jottings About Town.

The Board of Works foregathers on Friday.

To-day being New Year's the City Hall is closed for business.

The little daughter of City Hall Doorkeeper Baird is seriously ill.

Ald. Ritchie is slowly recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Matthew Carr, as wife-beater, was yesterday sent to jail for 30 days.

The Plasterers' Union held a special meeting in Richmond Hall last night.

One of Callaway's popular excursion trains left last night for the Northwest.

Jubilee Council, Order of Chosen Friends, held their regular meeting last night.

Court Harmony, A.O.F., held a grand ball and concert in Victoria Hall last night.

The Yorkville-avenue firemen had a jolly New Year's Eve celebration last night.

Markham-street sewer from Bloor-street to London-street was commenced yesterday.

The special committee re Bloor-street west improvements did not sit yesterday for lack of a quorum.

There is a big fight in progress for the position vacated through the resignation of Inspector Langrill.

At the Police Court yesterday Duncan Robinson of Peter-street was sent to jail for 10 days for larceny.

For theft of a bearskin robe, Catherine Hickey was yesterday committed to the Mercer for six months.

George Weighton, a butcher from Orillia was arrested last night charged with disorderly conduct.

Archibald McMaster, John Manning, 86 George-street and George Smith, 93 Victoria-street, were arrested last night on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Henry Gloster, 149 York-street, was arrested yesterday on a charge of aggraved assault upon Edward Wilson.

The sub-committee of the Parks and Gardens Committee re Toronto lacrosse grounds has been called for to-morrow.

A building permit has been issued to the General Trusts Company for a four-story addition and alterations to building corner of Yonge and Colborne-streets, to cost $20,000.

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, children playing with matches set fire to a shed in the rear of the College-street Methodist Church, damaging the premises to the extent of ten dollars.

Mr. W. R. Rutherford, the genial manager of the great Oak Hall clothing store, was yesterday the recipient of a handsome mounted umbrella and illuminated address, presented by the employes a mark of esteem.

At two o'clock yesterday afternoon fire broke out at the residence of Rev. H. Scadding, No. 27 Cecil-street, and before it could be extinguished the house was damaged to the extent of about five dollars. Carelessness in handling matches was the cause of the blaze.

These thefts are reported at Police Headquarters: Mrs. Reade, 57 Shannon-street, stolen from her satchel in front of Eaton's, near King-street in Yonge, a purse containing $4.75. David Bell, 188 Markham-street, stolen from his clothes line last, night two pairs of socks and other articles of wearing apparel.

Puritan Cut Plug

is not a "cheap" tobacco; it is manufactured from the finest tobaccos procurable, and is placed on the market not for a day or a year, but for "all time." Those who have tried it pronounce it a remarkably fine, cool and sweet smoking tobacco. As its merits become known, the demand increases. Many years' experience in handling tobaccos, with every facility for manufacturing and purchasing, insures the smoker a good article at a price consistent with the quality of same. D. Ritchie & Co., Montreal, the oldest cut tobacco manufacturers in Canada. 136

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.

The King is Dead; Long Live the King—Impressive Observances.

The death of the Old Year and the advent of his successor were very generally observed in Toronto. Family re-unions were legion, church services were numerous and it was only a small minority of the citizens who did not sit up to see the old year out and the new year in.

Of the watch services little need be said. Who hath not had experience of them—the impressive address, the confession and thanksgiving, the silent prayer, the year's death knell, the clanging of happy bells, new year's salutations and the joyous singing of:

Come, let us anew,
Our journey pursue,
Roll round with the year
And never stand still
Till the Master appear.

St. James' Cathedral was largely attended and the midnight services were attentively listened to. The curate, Rev. Charles Winterburn gave an excellent address replete with practical suggestions for future guidance, and at the close the cathedral chimes pealed out the departure of the old year and the beginning of the new.

No service was better attended than that in the Y.M.C.A. The parlor was crowded and the New Year was welcomed with impressive and appropriate addresses from Rev. William Patterson of Cook's Church and others.

Evangelist Wolfe's quarters in Red Lion Hall, Yonge-street, were well filled and the services betokened the prosperity of the mission.

The watch-meeting at the Metropolitan Church last night was largely attended. Rev. Leroy Hooker presided and the sermon of the evening was preached by Rev. G. M. Milligan. It was a touching and pointed address. After the sermon, and when the bells were tolling the death of the old year, the congregation engaged in silent prayer. Then that beautiful hymn was sung, "Come Let Us Anew Our Journey Pursue," after which the pastor wished all a Very Happy New Year and the service closed.

There was a unique watch-night service in Richmond Hall. The attendance was large and consisted of Christians of all names, and a number of poor men, 30 of whom stood up and declared their resolve to lead a better life. Prayer, praise, experience flowed forth as from a ready fount, and Mr. H. C. Dixon's practical address and fervent appeal will long be remembered.

The New Year having been greeted with praise Christians gathered with thankful hearts around the table of their Lord and showed their membership of the "one body" by partaking of the one loaf and of the cup of blessing. It was a touching and suggestive sight, remembering "Jesus only." Dr. McTavish addressed the workers with words of kindly cheer, bidding them "hate nor jot of heart or hope, but still bear up and press right onward."

A New Version of an Old Story.

New Year's Eve! The streets are filled with a hurrying crowd of people. The electric lights swing to and fro, sparkling like pendant diamonds in the frosty, bracing air. Sorrow for the departure of the old year is drowned in happiness for the coming of the new. Yet, one among the gladsome throng is sad. The memory of the last New Year, when as a lad he enjoyed the glad warmth of a father's home and hospitality, and the luckless day on which he had stealthily stolen away to seek in freedom the pleasures of a great city, all comes back. And now shelterless and alone he shuffles along the street. In the distance the high notes of a hand organ float out on the crisp air. Nearer and nearer the wanderer approaches the music. What though the grinder's trembling hand hesitates and the rickety instrument gives forth discordant sounds! It is the old song, "Home, Sweet Home!" The prodigal's pride is broken. The picture of a broken-hearted mother flits across his brain. With glistening eyes and firm resolve new resolutions are taken not to be lightly broken, and to-day a happy mother weeps joyous tears over her prodigal.

—Caswell, Massey & Co.'s Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lupulin and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of twenty-five cents.

FRIGHTFUL AND FATAL.

Two Trains on the Pan-Handle Railway Crash Together at Kokomo.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—A frightful and fatal wreck occurred at Kokomo this morning on the Pan-Handle Railway one mile north of the depot. Train No. 13, northbound, Conductor Thomas Lamb, left the junction at 2.15 a.m. schedule time. When about a mile north, Mail No. 14, south-bound, in care of Conductor V. S. Noland, was running about 50 miles an hour, the two trains crashed together, totally demolishing the engines and burning the baggage car and coaches of the south-bound train, which tumbled on top of the engines. The injured were confined to the engine and express and baggage cars.

George Cummings, engineer of No. 14, was buried in the wreck and died immediately after being extricated.

Tom McCullough, engineer of No. 13, lies at the Clinton House, Kokomo, with his head crushed and cannot live.

Baggagemaster J. Kerlin was injured in the head. He was taken to Galveston, where he died at 9 o'clock.

Thomas Harber was also hurt seriously. These men all live at Logansport.

Adams' Express Messenger Glant was seriously though not fatally hurt about the body. Two men named Woods and Webb were badly hurt in a general smash-up but not fatally. A number of passengers in the coaches were shaken up badly, but the Pullmans escaped, many of the passengers not being wakened.

The cause of the wreck is a mystery, as the engineers of both trains are both unable to testify, but a general opinion is that the north-bound engineer was trying to make a "sneak" to the side track at Jewett, four miles north, to pass No. 16, which was slightly behind time.

Art Gallery.

The art gallery adjoining the Academy of Music will be kept opened to-day and this evening.

Hungo and Cable Cigars

need no recommendation, the millions sold annually is sufficient proof of their superior quality. S. DAVIS & SONS, Montreal. 136

Dyspepsia or indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of headache. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont, writes: "Parmelee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock."

ROBBERY IN A BANK.

Another Money Snatching Case in Montreal—The Thief Escapes With $120.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Another case of money snatching at a bank wicket occurred to-day. Mr. Begaoutte, grocer of St. Lawrence-street, sent his 14-year-old son to the Banque du Peuple to deposit $120. The boy went to the receiving teller's wicket and placed his bank book containing the money on the little shelf and waited for the deposit to be entered up by the clerk, who was busy at the time with another customer. A man standing near young Begaoutte with a check in his hand asked the boy if it was his. The unsuspecting young depositor turned around to look at it and the man quickly passed his hand around behind his back, snatching up the book and money and make off. The book was afterwards returned to the bank.

Severe colds are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

A. Burns, blacksmith, Cobourg, tried every known remedy during fifteen years' suffering with Dyspepsia. Four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

AN IRON BURIAL.

Two Men Meet Their Death at the Ontario Rolling Mills.

Swansea, just this side of the Humber, was the scene of a terrible accident yesterday morning, which resulted in the death of William McGuire, Arthur-street, Brockton, and George Head, West Toronto Junction, and in serious injuries to William G. Coulter, 18 Arthur-street, Brockton, and Richard Heath, 22 Trafalgar-street.

The four men, all employes of the Ontario Rolling Mills, were wheeling a truck load of iron, weighing about six tons, along an elevated tramway. Just as they reached the weigh-scales with their load the iron work supporting the tramway yielded to the heavy pressure, the car capsized and Head and McGuire were instantly buried under the ponderous bars of iron. In ten minutes willing hands had cleared away the iron, but all too late, for both the victims lay lifeless and crushed beyond all recognition.

Coulter and Heath had a miraculous escape, the former having his left ancle fractured, his face and head badly cut, and the latter being also bruised and cut about the head. Dr. Ferguson attended to their injuries and sent them to their homes in the ambulance.

It was only the day before that workmen from Gurney & Ware's foundry had repaired the scales, which were guaranteed to carry ten tons. McGuire was a single man. Head leaves a widow and several children.

Coroner Lynd was notified, but decided not to hold an inquest.

A Boodler From Montreal.

Early yesterday afternoon a telegram was received at Police Headquarters stating that a large sum of money had been stolen from a big commercial firm at Montreal. On the strength of this telegram Detective McGrath yesterday arrested John Flannagan at the Union Station on a charge of embezzlement. The amount involved is about $356. American money to this amount was found on him when searched.

The special quality of Ayer's Hair Vigor is that it restores the natural growth, color, and texture of the hair. It vitalizes the roots and follicles, removes dandruff and heals itching humors in the scalp. In this respect it surpasses all similar preparations.

HOW TO MAKE THE WIRES SAFE.

A Symposium on Electric Lighting—Present Systems Condemned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—An electrical paper here contains interviews with prominent electrical experts in the United States on the question of making electric light wires safe and harmless to life and property. The persons interviewed represent the various systems of electric lighting and other departments of electrical work. The general opinion is that overhead electric light lines can be rendered reliably safe at all times by proper construction and the use of proper insulating material and that placing electric light wires underground by the usual method would increase rather than diminish the danger. The danger, however, of underground wires could be overcome by constructing the wire conduits themselves of insulating material. The present system of underground conduits of iron is generally condemned. In reference to the protection of buildings against fire in case of derangement of electric light wires, the opinion is unanimous that all danger would be removed by the use of automatic cutouts and fuses on the outside of the building.

One great advantage of Burdock Blood Bitters over other medicines, is that it acts at the same time on the Liver, the Bowels, the Secretions and the Kidneys while it imparts strength.

PICKUPS FROM PENETANG.

A Rochester (N.Y.) Burglar Arrested and a Lot of Silver Plate Recovered.

[Special to The World.]

PENETANG, Dec. 31.—On June 30 last the residence of W. H. Farren of Rochester, N.Y., was burglarized and $500 worth of silver plate stolen. The case was placed in the hands of Detective Kavanagh of that city, who brought the matter to a successful issue this morning. Last night Detective Kavanagh and Mr. Farren arrived at Penetang and procured a search warrant to examine the premises of one Almer C. Day, living near the Reformatory, which was executed at 6 o'clock this morning, and the whole of Mr. Farren's property recovered. Day and his wife Harriet were arrested and taken before Mayor Thompson, Doctor Sphon, J.P., charged with bringing stolen property into Canada, when sufficient evidence was given to commit them for trial. Day and his wife were taken to Barrie jail this afternoon by Detective Kavanagh and the chief constable of Penetang. At the time of the burglary Day's wife was a domestic at Mr. Farren's but passed as a single woman. The silverware, which was produced in court this morning, nearly filled a clothes basket and had Mr. Farren's name scratched out.

Detective Newhall of Newhall's Detective Bureau of Toronto, has also been here for some days on business connected with the disappearance of a bank clerk from the Western Bank of Canada, which has a branch here. Investigation shows that the clerk, whose name Ham, is a defaulter to the extent of about $1000.

Burdock Blood Bitters will speedily cleanse the impurities from the blood and cure Blotches, Boils, Pimples, Ulcers, Erysipelas and Chronic Diseases of the Skin.

Annie Heath of Portland states that her face was disfigured by eruptions, but she regained her former pure complexion by using Burdock Blood Bitters.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The Hungarians living in the village of Troop, near Scranton, have substituted cat flesh for beef.

Senator Gorman of Maryland opposes the "Australian" ballot system on the ground that it works adversely to the Democratic party and exposes the voter more than ever to bribery.

An old man named Phillips of Spink County, S.D., was frozen to death in Saturday's storm.

The Chicago City Council has ordered the new chief of police to suppress gambling.

Alexander E. Brainerd (colored), aged 60, who lived alone in a small cabin in Blackbird Hundred, Del., was murdered Christmas night by unknown assassins and over $400 of his money stolen.

Jacob H. Bloomer of Virgilia, N.Y., writes "Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil cured a badly swelled neck and sore throat on my son in forty-eight hours; one application also removed the pain from a very sore toe; my wife's foot was also much inflamed—so much so that she could not walk about the house; she applied the oil and in twenty-four hours was entirely cured."

Whitby's Municipal Pot Boils.

WHITBY, Dec. 31.—The municipal nominations last night showed a lively interest in town affairs. Forty names were put in nomination. The chief question at issue is the electric light contract. Except for the reeveship, in which both candidates are members of the present council, there is a clear issue between the old councillors and the new men. Of the forty nominated but twenty-six are ambitious of municipal immortality. They are: Mayor—John Blow, D. P. Bogart, M.D., H. B. Taylor. Reeve—G. Y. Smith, James Rutledge. Deputy-Reeve—William Noble, J. R. Philp, J. H. Long. Councillors—North